



**National Commission
on Libraries and Information Science**

22 June 1987

TO: NCLIS Chairman and Commissioners
FROM: Vivian Arterbery *VJA*
Executive Director
RE: Formal Motions and Actions, May 27, 1987

Attached are the Formal Motions and Actions from the Commission meeting held May 27, 1987 in Washington, D.C.

Please let Jane McDuffie know if there are corrections. Thank you.

Attachment

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MOTIONS AND ACTIONS

**U. S. National Commission on Libraries and
Information Science
May 27, 1987**

1. **MOVED** by Bessie B. Moore, seconded by Daniel Casey to honor Librarian of Congress Daniel Boorstin with a resolution recognizing his faithful direction of America's national library for almost twelve years. (Resolution attached)

Motion carried unanimously.

2. **MOVED** by Bessie B. Moore, seconded by Barbara Taylor to introduce a resolution recognizing the short, but enthusiastic and effective term of past NCLIS Chairman Kenneth Y. Tomlinson. (Resolution attached)

Motion carried unanimously.

3. **MOVED** by William Welsh, seconded by Barbara Taylor to honor Margareet Wijnstroom for sixteen years of service as Secretary General of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). (Resolution attached)

Motion carried unanimously.

4. **MOVED** by Lee Edwards, seconded by Barbara Taylor that Jerald Newman continue as Chairman of NCLIS after his term expires, July 19, 1987, until reconfirmation is approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. **MOVED** by Lee Edwards, seconded by John Juergensmeyer that the Commission formally explore the possibility of setting up an internship program with library/science schools.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. **MOVED** by Daniel Carter, seconded by Daniel Casey to introduce a resolution that NCLIS appoint a committee to develop a program document with the intent to develop the leadership role on issues related to the Information Age Commission.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. **MOVED** by Barbara Taylor, seconded by Daniel Casey that the Commission explore the feasibility of conducting a seminar dealing with the Bicentennial of the Constitution in the fall under the auspices of the NCLIS Bicentennial Committee, and endorsed by the Bicentennial Commission.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. **MOVED** by Daniel Carter, seconded by John Juergensmeyer that NCLIS accept the statement prepared by the Library of Congress Network Advisory Committee, "Library Networking: Statement of a Common Vision," subject to the following changes:

- o preface the word "libraries" (second paragraph, second line, first word) with "our nation's" to read, "Our common vision of networking is an environment in which our nation's libraries can provide each individual in the United States with equal opportunity of access to resources that will satisfy their and society's information needs and interests."
- o change the word "will" (last paragraph, seventh line, second word) to "would" to read, "As this vision becomes a reality, there would emerge a diverse but coordinated structure of networks rather than a monolithic one."

Motion carried unanimously.

9. **MOVED** by Margaret Phelan, seconded by Daniel Carter to reelect Bessie B. Moore to serve as Vice Chairman of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science until July 19, 1988.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. **MOVED** by Margaret Phelan, seconded by George Nash that NCLIS adopt the recommendations presented by the Recognitions Awards Committee and allow the Committee to proceed.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. **MOVED** by John Juergensmeyer, seconded by Barbara Taylor that the Commission Chairman appoint an appropriate committee to review the area of Information for Local Governance.
(Resolution attached)

Motion carried unanimously.

12. **MOVED** by Bessie Moore, seconded by Lee Edwards that a letter from the Chairman of NCLIS be sent to the Manager of the Embassy Row Hotel expressing thanks for excellent service.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution Honoring
Daniel J. Boorstin

WHEREAS, Daniel J. Boorstin, the twelfth Librarian of Congress has directed our national library for nearly twelve years;

WHEREAS, he has defended faithfully the value of the printed word against predictions of a paperless society;

WHEREAS, he has reminded all Americans that knowledge is necessary for survival in a free society;

WHEREAS, he has become an articulate spokesman in behalf of libraries and reading on Capitol Hill;

WHEREAS, under his direction, the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress has done much to promote reading and literacy;

WHEREAS; his accounts of history have kindled our imaginations, making the ordinary profound;

WHEREAS, his enthusiasm for the Library of Congress and its roots in our nation's history has resparked national interest in this great library; and

WHEREAS, we applaud yet regret his decision to return to the Republic of Letters;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science commends our twelfth Librarian of Congress, Daniel J. Boorstin, for his stewardship of the Library of Congress, for his leadership in the world of learning, and for his dedication to those principles on which this nation was founded -- liberty and learning.

Resolution Honoring
Kenneth Y. Tomlinson

WHEREAS, Kenneth Y. Tomlinson has served as Chairman of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science from October 1986 to May 1987, and

WHEREAS, though his time was brief the Commission has profited from his vision of the expanded role it should play in the improvement of library service to the people of this country, and

WHEREAS, his unbounded enthusiasm and dynamic approach has lifted our spirit and encouraged us to expand our horizon, and

WHEREAS, his love of libraries and his desire to serve them will not abate, therefore we welcome his continued counsel and participation in the work of the Commission in the future, and

WHEREAS, we regret his leaving we know that he will still be involved in providing information to people as he returns to aid "an old love";

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, we thank him for his leadership in his brief tenure and extend our best wishes.

Adopted with affection and respect this 27th day of May 1987.

Resolution Honoring
Margreet Wijnstroom

WHEREAS, Margreet Wijnstroom has capably served for sixteen years as Secretary General of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), and

WHEREAS, during this period IFLA has developed into a truly worldwide organization, and

WHEREAS, many of IFLA's accomplishments realized during her tenure were due in no small part to the unflagging energy and devotion she exerted as she translated into practical proposals and suggestions the aims and visions of the Presidents she served, and

WHEREAS, her dedication to her work has inspired and stimulated many of her colleagues to spend their professional and personal energies in the interest of IFLA's goals, and

WHEREAS, her retirement in August 1987 will bring an end to both a sterling career and an important period in international librarianship;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) honor Margreet Wijnstroom on the occasion of her retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NCLIS offer congratulations, best wishes, and Godspeed to Margreet in her pursuits after retirement.

Resolution
Local Governance

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Commission Chairman appoint an appropriate committee, of Commissioners or others, to review the area of Information for Local Governance and to recommend specific programs in this area.
2. The Commission encourages further research into identifying the information needs of elected and appointed local government officials.
3. The Commission encourages the development of demonstration projects based on identified information needs for public policy decision-makers and citizens.
4. The Commission encourages action by state library agencies to increase the effectiveness of local public libraries as providers of local government information.